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#### AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE

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BISSELL, BRUCE 111 E REX LAYNE DR CENTRAL, UT 84722

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This Along To whom it may concern:

We have lived in the town of Central, next door to Bruce Bissell, for approximately 3 ½ years. About 2 ½ months ago, Bruce approached us and asked our permission to erect a pole on his side of the property line to be used as part of the antenna setup for his ham radio. We told him we did not have a problem with this. Bruce recently had the pole installed. Ours is the only house in the area, aside from Bruce's, which is likely to be affected if the pole should fall over. We are aware of the protocol under which the pole was installed, and are confident that there is little likelihood that the pole will fall over.

We have become aware that some residents of the area have complained to the county that the pole is an "eyesore". We have also become aware that some of the complaining residents did not even notice the pole until it was pointed out to them. First, beauty is "in the eye of the beholder" and thus is very subjective. We believe that some houses in the area have paint jobs that are "eyesores", but we do not ask the county to force the owners to repaint their houses just because we don't like the color. It is their property and we believe that they should be allowed to do with it as they please, as long as they are not infringing upon the health and safety of other citizens. We believe Bruce and his antenna pole should be given the same accord.

Second, since hearing that there were complaints, we have made a study of how noticeable the pole is, and have found that it is not even viewable from much of the neighborhood. From the immediate neighborhood, generally one has to be looking up in order to even see it. Since it is the same color as much of the surrounding wooded landscape, one has to be close enough to see it silhouetted against the sky to be able to see it at all. We feel that it is no more intrusive into the skyline than the neighborhood telephone poles, or even the houses built on the surrounding ridges that can be seen in the skyline.

Third, we feel that the importance of the benefits of having a ham radio operation in our community in the event of a disaster far outweighs any aesthetic concerns. We cannot stress enough how important we feel it is to have Bruce and his ham radio operation fully functioning to the safety of the community. We live in a fairly isolated area and it would be very difficult to communicate with the outside world if an earthquake or other natural disaster was to disable traditional communications means and the highway. Ham radios and their operators save lives in these situations.

We are fully in support of Bruce and his ham radio operation. We feel that licensed ham radio operators are an asset to their local communities, as well as the United States of America as a whole, and are a vital part of emergency communications. We join the U.S. Military, the American Red Cross, and the Federal Communications Commission in believing that ham radio operators and their equipment, including the antenna poles, are a vital resource that should be encouraged, not prohibited. We thank Bruce for his willingness to serve his fellow citizens in the event of an emergency.

Thank you,

Evan and Bridget Jones 131 Rex Layne Dr

Central, Utah

#### **Dean Cox**

From:

Gordon Poppitt [poppitt@infowest.com]

Sent:

Monday, April 19, 2010 9:47 AM

To:

Deon Goheen

Cc:

steve haluska; Dean Cox; Dave Patterson; Jim Eardley; Alan Gardner; Denny Drake; Kurt

Gardner

**Subject:** 

Re: Planning commission schedule item

Deon , Good Morning.

I had contacted Kurt concerning several concerns from neighbors adjacent to the intersection of Rex Layne Rd and Lodge Rd in Central, on the matter of some extremely large poles which were erected on two occupied properties in that area. He had advised me (and others) that the individuals would be applying for conditional use permits (after the event) to install these over-height wooden poles for the purpose of being able to set up Ham Radio station(s), possibly on each of their properties.

Since it appears that the County has no provision for pre-advising immediately adjacent owners ,within a specific radius ,of the applicant(s) , of any such request , he had suggested that I request that I ( and others who are interested ) be kept advised of when the item is scheduled on the Planning Commission and/or County Commission agendas.

Normally, it would be a fairly simple task to track the Agenda items, but, with the current difficulties of getting into the County system, it remains that such applications items as described can pass unnoticed.

I would also ask if you can keep the Chairman of the NWFD (Steve Haluska) updated, since any high elevation of strung antenna cables could be a potential risk factor to air traffic in the event of local wildfires.

Thankyou for your help on this matter.

Regards, Gordon Poppitt

# Memorandum Opinion and Order in PRB-1

## Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, DC 20554

FCC 85-506 36149

In the Matter of	)	
Federal preemption of state and	)	PRB-1
local regulations pertaining	)	
to Amateur radio facilities.	Ś	

#### MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

Adopted: September 16, 1985; Released: September 19, 1985

By the Commission: Commissioner Rivera not participating.

#### **Background**

- 1. On July 16, 1984, the American Radio Relay League, Inc (ARRL) filed a Request for Issuance of a Declaratory Ruling asking us to delineate the limitations of local zoning and other local and state regulatory authority over Federally-licensed radio facilities. Specifically, the ARRL wanted an explicit statement that would preempt all local ordinances which provably preclude or significantly inhibit effective reliable amateur radio communications. The ARRL acknowledges that local authorities can regulate amateur installations to insure the safety and health of persons in the community, but believes that those regulations cannot be so restrictive that they preclude effective amateur communications.
- 2. Interested parties were advised that they could file comments in the matter.<sup>1</sup> With extension, comments were due on or before December 26, 1984,<sup>2</sup> with reply comments due on or before January 25, 1985.<sup>3</sup> Over sixteen hundred comments were filed.

#### **Local Ordinances**

3. Conflicts between amateur operators regarding radio antennas and local authorities regarding restrictive ordinances are common. The amateur operator is governed by the regulations contained in Part 97 of our rules. Those rules do not limit the height of an amateur

antenna but they require, for aviation safety reasons, that certain FAA notification and FCC approval procedures must be followed for antennas which exceed 200 feet in height above ground level or antennas which are to be creeted near airports. Thus, under FCC rules some antenna support structures require obstruction marking and lighting. On the other hand, local municipalities or governing bodies frequently enact regulations limiting antennas and their support structures in height and location, e.g. to side or rear yards, for health, safety or aesthetic considerations. These limiting regulations can result in conflict because the effectiveness of the communications that emanate from an amateur radio station are directly dependent upon the location and the height of the antenna. Amateur operators maintain that they are precluded from operating in certain bands allocated for their use if the height of their antennas is limited by a

4. Examples of restrictive local ordinances were submitted by several amateur operators in this proceeding. Stanley J. Cichy, San Diego, California, noted that in San Diego amateur radio antennas come under a structures ruling which limits building heights to 30 feet. Thus, antennas there are also limited to 30 feet. Alexander Vrenios, Mundelein, Illinois, wrote that an ordinance of the Village of Mundelein provides that an antenna must be a distance from the property line that is equal to one and one-half times its height. In his case, he is limited to an antenna tower for his amateur station just over 53 feet in height.

5. John C. Chapman, an amateur living in Bloomington, Minnesota, commented that he was not able to obtain a building permit to install an amateur radio antenna exceeding 35 feet in height because the Bloomington city ordinance restricted

"structures" heights to 35 feet. Mr. Chapman said that the ordinance, when written, undoubtedly applied to buildings but was now being applied to antennas in the absence of a specific ordinance regulating them. There were two options open to him if he wanted to engage in amateur communications. He could request a variance to the ordinance by way of a hearing before the City Council, or he could obtain affidavits from his neighbors swearing that they had no objection to the proposed antenna installation. He got the building permit after obtaining the cooperation of his neighbors. His concern, however, is that he had to get permission from several people before he could effectively engage in radio communications for which he had a valid FCC amateur license.

6. In addition to height restrictions, other limits are enacted by local jurisdictions—anticlimb devices on towers or fences around them; minimum distances from high voltage power lines; minimum distances of towers from property lines; and regulations pertaining to the structural soundness of the antenna installation. By and large, amateurs do not find these safety precautions objectionable. What they do object to are the sometimes prohibitive, non-refundable application filing fees to obtain a permit to erect an antenna installation and those provisions in ordinances which regulate antennas for purely aesthetic reasons. The amateurs contend, almost universally, that "beauty is in the eye of the beholder." They assert that an antenna installation is not more aesthetically displeasing than other objects that people keep on their property, e.g. motor homes, trailers, pick-up trucks, solar collectors and gardening equipment.

### **Restrictive Covenants**

7. Amateur operators also oppose restrictions on their amateur operations which are contained in the deeds for their homes or in their apartment leases. Since these restrictive

covenants are contractual agreements between private parties, they are not generally a matter of concern to the Commission. However, since some amateurs who commented in this proceeding provided us with examples of restrictive covenants, they are included for information. Mr. Eugene O. Thomas of Hollister, California, included in his comments an extract of the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for Ridgemark Estates, County of San Benito, State of California. It provides:

No antenna for transmission or reception of radio signals shall be erected outdoors for use by any dwelling unit except upon approval of the Directors. No radio or television signals or any other form of electromagnetic radiation shall be permitted to originate from any lot which may unreasonably interfere with the reception of television or radio signals upon any other lot.

Marshall Wilson, Jr. provided a copy of the restrictive covenant contained in deeds for the Bell Martin Addition #2, Irving, Texas. It is binding upon all of the owners or purchasers of the lots in the said addition, his or their heirs, executors, administrators or assigns. It reads:

No antenna or tower shall be erected upon any lot for the purposes of radio operations.

William J. Hamilton resides in an apartment building in Gladstone, Missouri. He cites a clause in his lease prohibiting the erection of an antenna. He states that he has been forced to give up operating amateur radio equipment except a hand-held 2 meter (144-148 MHz) radio transceiver. He maintains that he should not be penalized just because he lives in an apartment.

Other restrictive covenants are less global in scope than those cited above. For example, Robert Webb purchased a home in Houston, Texas. His deed restriction prohibited "transmitting or receiving antennas extending above the roof line."

- 8. Amateur operators generally oppose restrictive covenants for several reasons. They maintain that such restrictions limit the places that they can reside if they want to pursue their hobby of amateur radio. Some state that they impinge on First Amendment rights of speech. Others believe that a constitutional right is being abridged because, in their view, everyone has a right to access the airwaves regardless of where they live.
- 9. The contrary belief held by housing subdivision communities and condominium or homeowner's associations is that amateur radio installations constitute safety hazards, cause interference to other electronic equipment which may be operated in the home (television, radio, stereos) or are eyesores that detract from the aesthetic and tasteful appearance of the housing development or apartment complex. To counteract these negative consequences, the subdivisions and associations include in their deeds, leases or by-laws, restrictions and limitations on the location and height of antennas or, in some cases, prohibit them altogether. The restrictive covenants are contained in the contractual agreement entered into at the time of the sale or lease of the property. Purchasers or lessees are free to choose whether they wish to reside where such restrictions on amateur antennas are in effect or settle elsewhere.

#### **Supporting Comments**

10: The Department of Defense (DOD) supported the ARRL and emphasized in its comments that continued success of existing national security and emergency preparedness telecommunications plans involving amateur stations would be severely diminished if state and/local ordinances were allowed to prohibit the construction and usage of effective amateur transmission facilities. DOD utilizes volunteers in the Military Affiliate Radio Service.

(MARS), Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES). It points out that these volunteer communicators are operating radio equipment installed in their homes and that undue restrictions on antennas by local authorities adversely affect their efforts. DOD states that the responsiveness of these volunteer systems would be impaired if local ordinances interfere with the effectiveness of these important national telecommunication resources. DOD favors the issuance of a ruling that would set limits for local and state regulatory bodies when they are dealing with amateur stations.

- 11. Various chapters of the American Red Cross also came forward to support the ARRL's request for a preemptive ruling. The Red Cross works closely with amateur radio volunteers. It believes that without amateurs' dedicated support, disaster relief operations would significantly suffer and that its ability to serve disaster victims would be hampered. It feels that antenna height limitations that might be imposed by local bodies will negatively affect the service now rendered by the volunteers.
- 12. Cities and counties from various parts of the United States filed comments in support of the ARRL's request for a Federal preemption ruling. The comments from the Director of Civil Defense, Port Arthur, Texas, are representative:

The Amateur Radio Service plays a vital role with our Civil Defense program here in Port Arthur and the design of these antennas and towers lends greatly to our ability to communicate during times of disaster.

We do not believe there should be any restrictions on the antennas and towers except for reasonable safety precautions. Tropical storms, hurricanes and tornadoes are a way of life here on the Texas Gulf Coast and good communications are absolutely essential when preparing for a hurricane and even more so during recovery operations after the hurricane has past.

- 13. The Quarter Century Wireless Association took a strong stand in favor of the Issuance of a declaratory ruling. It believes that Federal preemption is necessary so that there will be uniformity for all Amateur Radio installations on private property throughout the United States.
- 14. In its comments, the ARRL argued that the Commission has the jurisdiction to preempt certain local land use regulations which frustrate or prohibit amateur radio communications. It said that the appropriate standard in preemption cases is not the extent of state and local interest in a given regulation, but rather the impact of the regulation on Federal goals. Its position is that Federal preemption is warranted whenever local government regulations relate adversely to the operational aspects of amateur communication. The ARRL maintains that localities routinely employ a variety of land use devices to preclude the installation of effective amateur antennas, including height restrictions, conditional use permits, building setbacks and dimensional limitations on antennas. It sees a declaratory ruling of Federal preemption as necessary to cause municipalities to accommodate amateur operator needs in land use planning efforts.

15. James C. O'Connell, an attorney who has represented several amateurs before local zoning authorities, said that requiring amateurs to seek variances or special use approval to erect reasonable antennas unduly restricts the operation of amateur stations. He suggested that the Commission preempt zoning ordinances which impose antenna height limits of less than 65 feet. He said that this height would represent a reasonable accommodation of the communication needs of most amateurs and the legitimate concerns of local zoning authorities.

#### **Opposing Comments**

16. The City of La Mesa, California, has a zoning regulation which controls amateur antennas. Its comments reflected an attempt to reach a balanced view.

This regulation has neither the intent, nor the effect, of precluding or inhibiting effective and reliable communications. Such antennas may be built as long as their construction does not unreasonably block views or constitute eyesores. The reasonable assumption is that there are always alternatives at a given site for different placement, and/or methods for aesthetic treatment. Thus, both public objectives of controlling land use for the public health, safety, and convenience, and providing an effective communications network, can be satisfied. A blanket to completely set aside local control, or a ruling which recognizes control only for the purpose of safety of antenna construction, would be contrary to...legitimate local control.

#### 17. Comments from the County of San Diego state:

While we are aware of the benefits provided by amateur operators, we oppose the issuance of a preemption ruling which would elevate 'antenna effectiveness' to a position above all other considerations. We must, however, argue that the local government must have the ability to place reasonable limitations upon the placement and configuration of amateur radio transmitting and receiving antennas. Such ability is necessary to assure that the local decision-makers have the authority to protect the public health, safety and welfare of all citizens.

In conclusion, I would like to emphasize an important difference between your regulatory powers and that of local governments. Your Commission's approval of the preemptive requests would establish a "national policy." However, any regulation adopted by a local jurisdiction could be overturned by your Commission or a court if such regulation was determined to be unreasonable.

18. The City of Anderson, Indiana, summarized some of the problems that face local communities:

I am sympathetic to the concerns of these antenna owners and I understand that to gain the maximum reception from their devices, optimal location is necessary. However, the preservation of residential zoning districts as "liveable" neighborhoods is jeopardized by placing these antennas in front yards of homes. Major problems of public safety have been encountered, particularly vision blockage for auto and pedestrian access. In addition, all communities are faced

with various building lot sizes. Many building lots are so small that established setback requirements (in order to preserve adequate air and light) are vulnerable to the unregulated placement of antennas. ...the exercise of preemptive authority by the FCC in granting this request would not be in the best interest of the general public.

19. The National Association of Counties (NACO), the American Planning Association (APA) and the National League of Cities (NLC) all opposed the issuance of an antenna preemption ruling. NACO emphasized that federal and state power must be viewed in harmony and warns that Federal intrusion into local concerns of health, safety and welfare could weaken the traditional police power exercised by the state and unduly interfere with the legitimate activities of the states. NLC believed that both Federal and local interests can be accommodated without preempting local authority to regulate the installation of amateur radio antennas. The APA said that the FCC should continue to leave the issue of regulating amateur antennas with the local government and with the state and Federal courts.

#### Discussion

- 20. When considering preemption, we must begin with two constitutional provisions. The tenth amendment provides that any powers which the constitution either does not delegate to the United States or does not prohibit the states from exercising are reserved to the states. These are the police powers of the states. The Supremacy Clause, however, provides that the constitution and the laws of the United States shall supersede any state law to the contrary. Article HE Section 2. Given these basic premises, state laws may be preempted in three ways: First, Congress may expressly preempt the state law. See Jones v. Rath Packing Co., 430 U.S. 519, 525 (1977). Or, Congress may indicate its intent to completely occupy a given field so that any state law encompassed within that field would implicitly be preempted. Such intent to preempt could be found in a congressional regulatory scheme that was so pervasive that it would be reasonable to assume that Congress did not intend to permit the states to supplement it. See Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n v. de la Cuesta, 458 U.S. 141, 153 (1982). Finally, preemption may be warranted when state law conflicts with federal law. Such conflicts may occur when "compliance with both Federal and state regulations is a physical impossibility," Florida Lime & Avocado Growers, Inc. v. Paul, 373 U.S. 132, 142, 143 (1963), or when state law "stands as an obstacle to the accomplishment and execution of the full purposes and objectives of Congress," Hines v. Davidowitz, 312 U.S. 52, 67 (1941). Furthermore, federal regulations have the same preemptive effect as federal statues, Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan Association v. de la Cuesta, supra.
- 21. The situation before us requires us to determine the extent to which state and local zoning regulations may conflict with federal policies concerning amateur radio operators.
- 22. Few matters coming before us present such a clear dichotomy of view point as does the instant issue. The cities, countries, local communities and housing associations see an obligation to all of their citizens and try to address their concerns. This is accomplished through regulations, ordinances or covenants oriented toward the health, safety and general welfare of those they regulate. At the opposite pole are the individual amateur operators and their support

groups who are troubled by local regulations which may inhibit the use of amateur stations or, in some instances, totally preclude amateur communications. Aligned with the operators are such entities as the Department of Defense, the American Red Cross and local civil defense and emergency organizations who have found in Amateur Radio a pool of skilled radio operators and a readily available backup network. In this situation, we believe it is appropriate to strike a balance between the federal interest in promoting amateur operations and the legitimate interests of local governments in regulating local zoning matters. The cornerstone on which we will predicate our decision is that a reasonable accommodation may be made between the two sides.

23. Preemption is primarily a function of the extent of the conflict between federal and state and local regulation. Thus, in considering whether our regulations or policies can tolerate a state regulation, we may consider such factors as the severity of the conflict and the reasons underlying the state's regulations. In this regard, we have previously recognized the legitimate and important state interests reflected in local zoning regulations. For example, in Earth Satellite Communications, Inc., 95 FCC 2d 1223 (1983), we recognized that

...countervailing state interests inhere in the present situation...For example, we do not wish to preclude a state or locality from exercising jurisdiction over certain elements of an SMATV operation that properly may fall within its authority, such as zoning or public safety and health, provided the regulation in question is not undertaken as a pretext for the actual purpose of frustrating achievement of the preeminent federal objective and so long as the non-federal regulation is applied in a nondiscriminatory manner.

- 24. Similarly, we recognize here that there are certain general state and local interests which may, in their even-handed application, legitimately affect amateur radio facilities. Nonetheless, there is also a strong federal interest in promoting amateur communications. Evidence of this interest may be found in the comprehensive set of rules that the Commission has adopted to regulate the amateur service. <sup>5</sup> Those rules set forth procedures for the licensing of stations and operators, frequency allocations, technical standards which amateur radio equipment must meet and operating practices which amateur operators must follow. We recognize the amateur radio service as a voluntary, noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communicationss. Moreover, the amateur radio service provides a reservoir of trained operators, technicians and electronic experts who can be called on in times of national or local emergencies. By its nature, the Amateur Radio Service also provides the opportunity for individual operators to further international goodwill. Upon weighing these interests, we believe a limited preemption policy is warranted. State and local regulations that operate to preclude amateur communications in their communities are in direct conflict with federal objectives and must be preempted.
- 25. Because amateur station communications are only as effective as the antennas employed, antenna height restrictions directly affect the effectiveness of amateur communications. Some amateur antenna configurations require more substantial installations than others if they are to provide the amateur operator with the communications that he/she desires to engage in. For example, an antenna array for international amateur communications will differ from an antenna used to contact other amateur operators at shorter distances. We will not, however, specify any particular height limitation below which a local government may not regulate, nor will we suggest the precise language that must be contained in local ordinances,

such as mechanisms for special exceptions, variances, or conditional use permits. Nevertheless, local regulations which involve placement, screening, or height of antennas based on health, safety, or aesthetic considerations must be crafted to accommodate reasonably amateur communications, and to represent the minimum practicable regulation to accomplish the local authority's legitimate purpose.<sup>6</sup>

- 26. Obviously, we do not have the staff or financial resources to review all state and local laws that affect amateur operations. We are confident, however, that state and local governments will endeavor to legislate in a manner that affords appropriate recognition to the important federal interest at stake here and thereby avoid unnecessary conflicts with federal policy, as well as time-consuming and expensive litigation in this area. Amateur operators who believe that local or state governments have been overreaching and thereby have precluded accomplishment of their legitimate communications goals, may, in addition, use this document to bring our policies to the attention of local tribunals and forums.
- 27. Accordingly, the Request for Declaratory Ruling filed July 16, 1984, by the American Radio Relay League, Inc., IS GRANTED to the extent indicated herein and in all other respects, IS DENIED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION William J. Tricarico Secretary

#### **Footnotes**

<sup>1</sup>Public Notice, August 30, 1984, Mimeo. No. 6299, 49 F.R. 36113, September 14, 1984.

<sup>2</sup>Public Notice, December 19,1984, Mimeo. No. 1498.

<sup>3</sup>Order, November 8, 1984, Mimeo, No. 770.

4MARS is solely under the auspices of the military which recruits volunteer amateur operators to render assistance to it. The Comission is not involved in the MARS program.

547 CFR Part 97.

<sup>6</sup>We reiterate that our ruling herein does not reach restrictive covenants in private contractual agreements. Such agreements are voluntarily entered into by the buyer or tenant when the agreement is executed and do not usually concern this Commission.

1	REGULATION OF AMATEUR RADIO
2	ANTENNAS
3	2003 GENERAL SESSION
4	STATE OF UTAH
5	Sponsor: Neal B. Hendrickson
6	This act enacts provisions annhibiting municipalities and counties from enacting
7	ordinances that fail to comply with federal regulation regarding amateur radio automas
8	The act requires any municipal or county ordinance involving amateur radio automus to
9	accommodate amateur radio communications and to represent the minimal practicable.
10	regulation to accomplish the municipality or county purpose.
11	This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:
12	ENACTS:
13	10-9-108, Utah Code Annotated 1953
14	17-27-107, Utah Code Annotated 1953
15	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
16	Section 1. Section 10-9-108 is enacted to read:
17	10-9-108. Regulation of amateur radio antennas.
18	(1) A municipality may not enact or enforce an ordinance that does not comply with
19	the ruling of the Federal Communications Commission in "Amateur Radio Preemption, 101
20	FCC 2nd 952 (1985)" or a regulation related to amateur radio service adopted under 47 C.F.R.
21	Part 97.
22	(2) If a municipality adopts an ordinance involving the placement, screening, or height
23	of an amateur radio antenna based on health, safety, or aesthetic conditions, the ordinance
24	shall:
25	(a) reasonably accommodate amateur radio communications; and
26	(b) represent the minimal practicable regulation to accomplish the municipality's
27	purpose.



28	Section 2. Section 17-27-107 is enacted to read:
29	17-27-107. Regulation of amateur radio antennas.
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31	ruling of the Federal Communications Commission in "Amateur Radio Preemption, 101 FCC
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33	97.
34	(2) If a county adopts an ordinance involving the placement, screening, or height of an
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37	(b) represent the minimal practicable regulation to accomplish the county's purpose.

Legislative Review Note as of 1-9-03 5:09 PM

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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